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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Gary K. Michelson, M.D.

Serial No.: 09/618,566

Filed: July 17, 2000

For: SINGLE-LOCK ANTERIOR
CERVICAL PLATING SYSTEM (as
amended)

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: D. Reip

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:Please amend the claims (with the changes as shown in the attachment) to read
as follows:

573. A plate system adapted for use in the anterior human cervical spine for
contacting the anterior aspect of at least two cervical vertebral bodies, said plate
system comprising:

a plate having a longitudinal axis and a length sufficient to span a disc
space and overlap portions of at least two adjacent vertebral bodies, said plate
having a lower surface for placement against the vertebral bodies and an upper